

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 360 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Jesus has risen!

Many: **He has risen indeed**

One: The tomb is empty

Many: **He has risen**

One: God is full of mysteries and miracles

Many: **Jesus has risen**

One: Everyone is in awe

Many: **We come to worship**

One: Let us praise, for Christ has risen

All: **Let us celebrate that Christ has risen indeed.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed. Let us worship the Holy One who so loved us. Let us worship the light that shines in the darkness. As we come to celebrate Easter, we remember the many times that Jesus' disciples were confused or uncertain and yet allowed their faith to sustain them. Today we raise our voices to

(“*” invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read *or sung* in unison.)

say Jesus has risen! Christ has risen indeed! Let us worship the risen God, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, on this Holy day lift up our hearts and minds to feel your presence. Forgive us this week for the times we failed to see you; forgive us when we made judgment calls or left things undone. Continue to work in us and through us despite the many obstacles that we face this week. Continue to remind us that we are worthy of your love and accepted into your fold.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: *Resurrection (an Easter medley)*

Curry

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Holy Spirit, descend into our hearts and minds today. Open us to the wisdom of your Kingdom. Give us courage to trust your Word and strength to follow in your glory. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He

commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary

Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Understanding Scripture Yet* Rev. Mark Applewhite

* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all. Amen.

* HYMN: 302 (Blue Hymnal) *I Danced in the Morning*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

*Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Mark Applewhite.

Refreshments Host for today is Cathy Shimmel.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, May 7	10:00 AM	Cemetery Meeting (at Cemetery)
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Zanchelli Family	Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Graziella Girardi	Emmie Shoch
Judy Mastrangelo & Family	Regina Maria
Ray Peres	Nico Barley
Gerry Catalanello	Sylvia McAdams
Richie Miranda	Stefania Cecchini

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.
We pray for peace in the Middle East and between Ukraine and Russia.

RESURRECTION

(An Easter Medley)

for congregation

TRADITIONAL HYMNS
Arranged by CRAIG CURRY

Verse 1:
Choir and Congregation



Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heav'n in cho - rus say, — Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, . ye heav'ns and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse 2:
(Choir only) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 3:
(Choir only) Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
O, sometimes I feel like shouting glory,
I shout glory to God!

Verse 4:
Choir and Congregation



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.



Melt the clouds of sin and _ sad - ness, drive the _ dark of doubt a - way.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness on this res - ur - rec - tion day!

Postlude:
(Choir only) Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen!

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